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REF: GENEVA 2173, 2220, 2232

1. ECE 38 TH PLENARY ENDED ON SCHEDULE MAY 18 WITH SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND DETENTE STILL PREVAILING AND WITH ADOPTION OF WORK PROGRAM WHICH DID NOT DEVIATE TO ANY GREAT EXTENT FROM PREVIOUSLY AGREED PRIORITIES AND DIRECTIONS.

2. ABSENCE OF POLEMICAL DEBATE AND EXTRANEIOUS POLITICAL DISCUSSION NOTED IN REFTELS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT SESSION,
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ALTHOUGH ALBANIA COULD NOT RESIST ATTACKING BOTH US AND USSR EQUALLY REGARDING TRADE, INVESTMENT AND AID POLICIES. WARM SPIRIT OF DENTENTE WHICH PERVADED SESSION MADE FOR RELAXED ATMOSPHERE AND MINIMUM OF CONFLICT ON SUBSTANCE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, WITH RESULT " WAIT AND SEE" ATTITUDE PREVAILED. NEVERTHELESS, THERE GENERAL RECOGNITION AMONG DELEGATES AND SECRETARIAT THAT GOODWILL PREVAILED TOWARD WORK OF ECE AND THAT IT WOULD BE ACCORDED APPROPRIATE ROLE IN POST- CSCE PERIOD. ROLE WAS, OF COURSE, NOT DEFINED.

3. RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ON LONG- TERM PLANNING, ON THE WORK OF COMMISSION AS A WHOLE, AND ON WORK PROGRAM. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RES FOLLOWED TEXT REPORTED GENEVA 2220, AND SUBSTITUTES PREPARATORY MEETING IN FALL 1973 FOR FUTURE SEMINARS ON MANAGERIAL ASPECTS OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND ON PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY FOR PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED AD HOC MEETING TO FORMULATE LONG- TERM WORK PROGRAM FOR SENIOR ADVISERS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. ITALIAN- YUGOSLAV INSPIRED RES ON WORK OF COMMISSION WAS WATERED DOWN DRASTICALLY BY EAST TO POINT WHERE IT MERELY " REAFFIRMS DETERMINATION TO DEVELOP ECE' S ACTIVITIES SO AS TO RESPOND TO NEED OF COOPERATION AMONG COUNTRIES OF ECE REGION IN LIGHT OF IMPROVEMENT OF POLITICAL SITUATION IN REGION AND WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF THE FOUR OVERALL PRIORITY AREAS." CO- SPONSORS' ORIGINAL IDEA TO ENDORSE STANOVNIK' S PROPOSAL FOR FIFTH PRIORITY COVERING TRANSPORT AND ENERGY WAS REJECTED. RES GIVES PROMINENCE TO NEED TO ACCELERATE PROCESS OF COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION OF WORK PROGRAMS AS BETWEEN MAIN SUBSIDIARY BODIES, BUT RETAINING EXISTING TWO- LEVEL PROGRAM DETERMINATION STRUCTURE OF ECE. PES ON PROGRAM OF WORK APPROVES ECE' S 1973/74 PROGRAM AND " SUBJECT TO REVIEW AT ITS 29 TH SESSION, ITS LONG- TERM PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1974-78." THIS LANGUAGE A RESULT OF COMPROMISE IN LIGHT OF SOVIET ATTEMPT TO DEFER DECISION ON LONG- TERM PROGRAM PENDING FORTHCOMING DEVELOPMENTS IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN EUROPE.

4. DECISIONS ON TRADE, INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, ENGINEER- UNCLASSIFIED

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ING, AND TOURISM ALSO ADOPTED. TRADE DECISION, WHICH WAS CAREFULLY NEGOTIATED COMPROMISE, CALLS FOR CONVENING OF SECOND MARKETING SEMINAR AND FOR PREPARATIONS FOR FURTHER INFORMAL MEETING OF EXPERTS ON TRADE, BUT ALSO ASKS TRADE COMMITTEE TO STUDY TWO DRAFT RESES CONTAINED IN REPORT OF 27 TH PLENARY SESSION. SOVIETS MAKE LUKE- WARM OVERTURE TO NEGOTIATE TRADE RES DURING THIS SESSION,

BUT OTHER THAN BRIEF US- USSR CORRIDOR CONVERSATION, NO SERIOUS ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO TACKLE SUBSTANCE OF FORMAL TRADE RESOLUTION. DECISION OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION MERELY REQUESTS EXSEC TO BRING HIS ANALYTICAL REPORT (E/ ECE/844) TO ATTENTION OF TRADE COMMITTEE AND OF OTHER PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES CONCERNED, AND TO ASK THEM TO CONSIDER FINDINGS REACHED IN REPORT. DECISION ALSO KEEPS ALIVE PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION WITHOUT ENDORSING OR REJECTING IT. PROPOSALS TO CREATE MAIN COMMITTEES ON GENERAL ENERGY PROBLEMS AND ON ENGINEERING WERE NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTED. DECISION ON ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES DOES, HOWEVER, INVITE EXSEC TO STUDY NECESSITY OF CONVENING A FOURTH AD HOC MEETING OF EXPERTS ON ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES AT A SUITABLE TIME TO DISCUSS APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONAL FORM FOR THIS FIELD. PROPOSAL FOR AD HOC MEETINGS ON GENERAL ENERGY PROBLEMS ALSO DEFEATED. TOURISM DECISION EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO YUGOSLAVIA FOR INVITATION TO HOST TOURISM SYMPOSIUM AND ASKS THAT CONTENT BE CAREFULLY COORDINATED WITH IUOTO TO AVOID DUPLICATION.

5. ONE OF MOST DIFFICULT DECISIONS INVOLVED INVITATION BY ROMANIA TO HOLD 29 TH PLENARY SESSION BUCHAREST. AFTER CONSIDERABLE NEGOTIATING IN CORRIDORS AND IN CAPITALS, AND DESPITE FACT MOST WESTERN DELEGATIONS DID NOT WANT TO UPSET PRINCIPLE OF HOLDING PLENARIES IN GENEVA, ROMANIAN INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED (WITH CONCURRENCE OF SYG ALREADY SECURED) ON UNDERSTANDING ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD DEFRAID EXTRA COSTS INVOLVED AND THAT NO PRECEDENT WAS BEING CREATED IN APPROVING A MEETING AWAY FROM GENEVA. DATE FOR 29 TH SESSION SET AT APRIL 18-29, 1974. BASSIN

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